

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Trust for Historic Preservation has named San Juan Bautista one of its 2008 Dozen Distinctive Destinations. The Trust chooses a group of communities each year that offer "cultural and recreational experiences different from the typical vacation destination."

Congressman Sam Farr (D-Calif.) is co-chair of the Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus, a group of nearly 100 members of Congress who work to promote the economic importance of travel and tourism within their communities.

Rep. Farr released the following statement:

"We all know what a wonderful place San Juan Bautista is to visit, and it's exciting that the rest of the country is learning about what the area has to offer.

"The idea of cultural tourism is really beginning to pick up in a big way, and San Juan Bautista is a perfect fit for this trend. Between the Mission, the town's cultural events and its proximity to so many other great areas to visit, SJB is a wonderful marketing tool for the entire Central Coast.

"The town is a model for cultural tourism sites around the country, and it's my hope that this honor will bring many more tourists to the region and show off the gem that is San Juan Bautista."

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